

REMARKS

Claims 1 -6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 are rejected. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been amended. New Claims 7 and 8 have been added. Claims 1-8 remain. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Action Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Gunnarsson et al. (US 2003/0,118,015). In response, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 and added new Claims 7 and 8 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention without adding any new matter. Claims 7 and 8 are supported by Fig. 4 and what is disclosed on page 7, lines 19 to 27.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for following reasons.

Gunnarsson does not disclose, teach or even suggest a mobile station including a wireless LAN service determination means for determining whether or not there is an access point of a wireless LAN providing wireless data service based on broadcasting information transmitted from the base station as set forth in independent claims 1, 4 and 6.

In Gunnarsson, the wireless communication network 10 tracks the current location of a mobile terminal 60 associated with a user and sends a notification to the user via the mobile terminal 60 when there is a WLAN in the vicinity of the user's current location. That is the communication network 10 determines whether or not there is an available WLAN in the cell in which the mobile terminal is operating. The tracking and sending of a notification requires additional resources not normally needed in a WLAN environment.

In the present invention, the broadcasting information transmitted from the base station includes conventional broadcast information and information indicating presence of a wireless LAN access point. Therefore, additional resources and power consumption are not needed in the present invention which utilizes only existing conventional resources. On the contrary, Gunnarsson needs additional resource and power consumption for performing the tracking function of the mobile station, e.g., GPS, and an alerting function, e.g., SMS or sound alert for notifying the user.

Although Gunnarsson et al. seeks to solve a similar problem, i.e., notifying a mobile station having a mobile communication module and a wireless LAN module of the existence of a wireless LAN access point, in order to save power, Gunnarsson et al. does so by having the wireless communication network track the current location of a mobile terminal and sending a

notification to the user of the mobile terminal via the mobile terminal when there is a wireless LAN in the vicinity of the user's current location. See, for example, [0018]. Thus, Gunnarsson et al. requires that the wireless network 10 track individual mobile terminal 60 and then transmit a signal to the mobile terminal when the communication system 10 believes that the mobile terminal is within range of an access point. Gunnarsson et al. acknowledges, for example, at [0021] that unless there is sufficient granularity, unnecessary power may be consumed by searching for wireless LANs which are not within range. The present invention operates not by tracking the location of mobile terminals, but by the base station broadcasting information to mobile terminals indicating that there is a near-by access point.

All claims inclusive of amended claims now clearly show and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant believes that all pending claims are now patentable over the cited reference issued by the Examiner.

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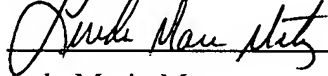
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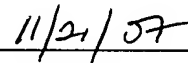
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